

Colorado and the city of Pueblo have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Congressman Evans led a remarkable life.

A Pueblo native, Congressman Evans served in the Navy, flying planes in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

He returned to Colorado to get his law degree from the University of Denver, before being elected to represent Pueblo in the State Assembly in 1960.

Named "Outstanding Freshman of the Year," his colleagues and constituents alike were inspired by his dedication to public service.

From 1964–1978, the Congressman represented Colorado's third district in the U.S. House of Representatives, the seat in which I currently serve.

The tremendous impact his leadership has had on our district can still be felt to this day.

Congressman Evans was responsible for bringing the Government Printing Office Distribution Center to Pueblo, and he was the mastermind behind the popular Payment in Lieu of Taxes program that has brought federal dollars for federal lands to states like ours.

When serving in Congress, Congressman Evans was a fervent advocate for the people and Western way of life in the 3rd district of Colorado.

Never losing sight of issues that were important to Coloradans, he was also a true gentleman.

In the often contentious atmosphere of today's politics, Congressman Evans was an example to those of us who strive to serve the public.

His close friend said of him "That was Frank. Always a gentleman. He wanted the facts. He wouldn't go after somebody just for partisan reasons."

Congressman Evans never forgot where he came from, and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

I am proud to serve in his former seat, and grateful for his legacy.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time.

He will be missed but his memory will live on through all of the lives that he touched in western Colorado.

#### REINTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR USED FUEL PRIZE ACT OF 2010

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation I first authored in the 110th Congress. As our country moves toward clean, reliable energy, a natural progression will be toward nuclear energy. Indeed, earlier this year, President Obama announced \$8 billion in new federal loan guarantees for two new nuclear power plants in Georgia.

However, as we inevitably move toward greater use of nuclear energy, we cannot hide our heads in the sand about the need for safe, reliable ways to store and dispose of the waste created by such energy production.

Nuclear power is praised for its zero carbon emissions, but it comes at a price—radioactive

fuel rods that will continue to emit dangerous radiation and be the source of radioactive debris for thousands of years. Congress designated Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the nation's sole candidate site for a permanent high-level nuclear waste repository in 1987. The unused Yucca Mountain site has cost taxpayers an estimated \$9 billion. Over \$1.2 billion has been spent on the seventy-one claims filed against the Department of Energy for the failure to abide by the 1987 contract to dispose of spent nuclear fuel.

There remain deep concerns that Yucca Mountain does not present a long-term solution to nuclear waste because of uncertainty about the long-term geologic stability of the site. The amount of existing nuclear waste already exceeds the storage capacity at the site; moreover, the state of Nevada adamantly opposes the site, and other locations have not been offered. President Obama and the Secretary of Energy Steven Chu have both stated their objections to the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, and President Obama stripped further funding for Yucca Mountain in the FY2010 budget.

Delay in authorizing a nuclear waste site has wasted an enormous sum of taxpayer dollars and resources. One proposed alternative to Yucca Mountain has been to reprocess spent nuclear fuel in order to recover usable fuel and cut down on the volume of waste. The issue remains complicated; reprocessing carries the potential of creating weapons-grade nuclear material thus presenting a global proliferation risk as other nations employ the technology. As the United States continues to dissuade other nations, namely Iran and North Korea, from nuclear reprocessing, we take a dangerous political risk in engaging in the process ourselves.

The legislation I am reintroducing today would encourage the creation of an efficient and safe process to store nuclear waste. The Nuclear Used Fuel Prize Act of 2010 would set up a competition to design the best way to remove and store nuclear waste. I am a strong supporter of nuclear power and I look forward to working toward finding a solution to storing nuclear waste. I believe this legislation will provide the incentives to find permanent solutions to our energy needs.

#### WORLD OCEAN DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, World Ocean Day has been acknowledged annually around the world since 1992. Officially celebrated by the United Nations for the first time in 2009, World Ocean Day this year falls on June 8. This serves as an opportunity to recognize all that the oceans have given us, to acknowledge the crucial role the oceans play in our survival as a species and society, and to affirm our intent to ensure the oceans themselves survive.

A source for food, recreation, scientific and educational opportunities, the oceans are a fundamental building block of our society. Human beings have depended upon the waters for their livelihoods since the earliest

days. Our forefathers crossed and fished them in generally the same manner that we do today. It's a testament to the fortitude of the oceans that they can persist when our technology and cultures have changed so much. That resiliency, however, is far from infinite. Should the oceans become no longer able to sustain life, we would very quickly feel the consequences.

The oceans are also often the beginning and end of discussions on "the environment." Home to so many natural wonders and inherent beauty, the world's oceans are justifiably precious. And as such an integral element in global climate change, the oceans are a primary concern for environmentalists and nature-lovers alike. They deserve and need our absolute devotion.

Because of all we have taken from them and because we are the only ones with the capacity to do so, human beings are the de facto caretakers of the oceans. With that responsibility, we must protect them and ensure their viability. The oceans have been subjected to so much—acidification, global warming, pollution. We must make sure the oceans can contribute to our grandchildren's grandchildren as they've done for us and our ancestors.

We have been shown by recent events how fragile and delicate our oceans truly are and how quickly devastation can set in. We can see how much we still don't know about these bodies that make up the vast majority of our planet. Let us take World Ocean Day to enjoy the beauty of the innumerable mysteries hidden only in the deeps and make sure we do our part to look after them. By so doing, we act on behalf of the future of Earth.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL DUDLEY

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hastings College President Phil Dudley for his exemplary service to Nebraska students and his community as a whole.

President Dudley has announced his retirement after nearly 40 years of dedication to Hastings College, including 10 years as President. His service is precluded by his doctoral education in economics and many leadership positions within Hastings College and the surrounding community.

As Hastings College President, President Dudley is credited for the construction of the Osborne Family Sports Complex, Barrett Family Alumni Center, Bronco Village Apartments, and the Morrison-Reeves Science Center.

President Dudley's embrace and promotion of service learning on the campus has led Hastings College students and faculty to dedicate 100,000 hours of their time to civic engagement. In recognition, Hastings College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

His dedication to students is further exemplified in the expansion of academic programs. This includes the addition of majors in biochemistry, biopsychology, wildlife biology, and a nursing dual degree with Creighton University and Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.